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Project: Pedestrian Safety & Transit Connections - 2017 CAMPO Grant – PHB Installations
CIP ID: 12720.002
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Subject: Answers to Bidder's Questions – No. 1

The following are answers to Bidders' questions received on the above project. These answers do not modify the Bid Documents. Any modifications to the Bid Documents will be through an Addendum.

- Q1: Item 340S-B-3C
BID QTY = 933 SY
Plans add up to 910 SQUARE FEET. App 101 Square Yards
Please check the SY qty currently shown in the bid docs.
A1: This quantity adjustment is addressed in Addendum #1 issued on August 31, 2021.
- Q2: No pay item for span wire. Is it subsidiary to Signal Cable?
A2: A span wire specification and quantity will be added to the bid documents through an addendum.
- Q3: No Pay item for perimeter barricades yet shown in docs, but not as subsidiary? Shouldn't there be either a TxDot or COA spec and pay item for this? Will these barricades have to be out while waiting for pole delivery? Will they be paid for the entire duration they are out for each location?
A3: There are bid items for travel lane and sidewalk closures. These closures should include barricade costs as appropriate. Barricades should be in place as necessary to protect workers and the public during construction and in compliance with the contract documents.
- Q4: Assuming the controllers can be purchased from City, please provide cost.
A4: Controllers are to be provided by the Contractor.
- Q5: Is the COA in possession of the Poles and Arms to be utilized on this project? If not when will they be ordered?
Notes say for contractor to coordinate with COA to verify pole type and arms before drilling foundations.
Does this mean the City expects the contractor to install foundations first, leaving the bolts exposed, and then wait the delivery of the poles which could be 4-5 months depending on market supply? Who is responsible if the bolts and or foundations are damaged by vandalism or other means while waiting for the poles?
A5: The Owner is anticipating having the poles and arms designated on the plans on hand by the construction start date of this contract. Once the Contractor has confirmed a pole foundation location, Contractor shall confirm foundation, pole and arm size with Owner's Representative. If the pole and/or arm change as a result of the foundation location, Owner will provide facilitated

delivery of newly designated pole/arm. Contractor is responsible for site during construction activities; however it is the Owner's intent to have poles available at first opportunity for Contractor to set poles.

- Q6: Assuming these plans are provided to the COA permit department and the contractor is responsible for the payment of the permits other than the "Site Plan Small Project Exemption Permit", what is the cost for any other required permit for each location?
- A6: After Oct. 1 no barricade inspection fees will be required for CIP projects (which applies to this project). There will be an application fee per site. This fee is in the process of being determined. Direction on this fee will be provided by addendum.
- Q7: Will the traffic control sheets in these plans be accepted by the Permit department as is? If not, will the COA reimburse the contractor if the Permit Department requires separate Engineered TCP?
- A7: Owner is responsible for obtaining approval for temporary traffic control plans. Any changes in the traffic control plans required to complete the work as designed or as a result of Owner approved changes, will be considered a change to the plans. Any cost impact of changes in plans will be determined as outlined in the bid documents.
- Q8: 14.1.4- Will the City pay for Stored materials if the conditions are met as set out in 14.1.4?
- A8: Yes. To clarify, Contractor is referring to Section 00700, Article 14.1.4.
- Q9: Will the COA ATD assist/pull/pay for the permit for the proposed Electric Services?
- A9: The Contractor is responsible for permanent electrical service items as shown in the plans and specifications. The Owner has been coordinating with Austin Energy on the cost of electrical construction to be performed by Austin Energy. Contractor is responsible for electrical work as shown on the plans and specifications.
- Q10: Has the City and or it Utility Locating Subcontractor performed it's own Utility Locates with the use of potholing, ground penetrating radar, vacuum excavation to determine if the detailed locations with offsets shown in the plans for the proposed drill shafts are constructable as drawn?
- A10: The Owner has conducted utility records research and one-call for each location. The design plans are based on this data. No excavation or other subsurface detection methods have been used. The contract allows for over 5 vertical feet of pot holing per pole foundation location with the intention that this be a sufficient quantity of pot-holing to adequately identify any utility conflicts. Pot holing quantities will be monitored and adjusted as required by the Owner's Representative.